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Senatobia Municipal School District



Student, Teacher & Parent Guide
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From the Superintendent...

Dear Parents and Students:

The mission of the Senatobia Municipal School District is to educate, prepare, and inspire all students to succeed in an ever changing world.

It is with our mission in mind that we continue our ***WarriorNet Connection Initiative***. ***The WarriorNet Connection Initiative*** is a comprehensive effort to upgrade our district technology and to put more technology in the hands of our students.

This initiative began with twenty-one (21) classrooms: Senatobia Jr./Sr. High School, Language Arts Teachers; Senatobia Middle School, Fifth Grade Teachers; and Senatobia Elementary School, Second Grade Teachers. These classrooms all received technology upgrades such as iPads, iPad Minis, Apple TV's, and Chromebooks. Teachers in these classrooms received content specific training that focuses on technology driven lessons. During the 2015 -2016 school year first grade teachers received the iPads, iPad Minis, and Apple TV's and at Senatobia Middle all grades have now been upgraded with iPads, iPad Minis, and Apple TV's. Senatobia Jr./Sr. High School's library has been converted to a digital learning center. In addition, we have also added a state of the art Math Learning Lab that teachers may use. I think it is very obvious that our district is moving to technology rich environment.

Also, beginning last fall the Senatobia Municipal School District transformed to a ***"Bring Your Own Digital Device (BYOD) District."*** This allows students to bring their own digital devices to school. Senatobia Municipal Schools is preparing for your child's future by implementing this BYOD initiative. We continue to fund network upgrades and professional development for teachers and staff to incorporate these digital tools into their daily instruction. With this initiative, and under the direction of classroom teachers, students will be allowed to access our wireless network using their own mobile devices during the school day.

Please know that our first priority of this initiative is to provide a safe and secure environment for your child. This Parent/Student Guide is designed to provide our educational community with guidelines and information to make our ***WarriorNet Connection Initiative*** successful. In closing, we look forward to continued success for our children as we strive to produce productive, digital citizens that will make a difference in our society.

Sincerely,

Jay Foster
Superintendent

BYOD Definition

Senatobia Municipal School District defines BYOD as a privately-owned, Internet capable electronic mobile device (see parent/student contract form for suggested devices that can be brought to school) that can be used during the school day to increase student engagement and facilitate learning. Under teacher supervision, students may use their own device in the classroom to enhance student learning.

Connectivity and Safety

Senatobia Municipal School District believes that Internet safety is of utmost importance. As such, all students who bring devices to school to use as part of the **WarriorNet Connection** should connect to the **WarriorNet** network. Teachers and administrators will provide students with the password for this network. By using the **WarriorNet** network, this will ensure that BYOD devices have appropriate network filters and comply with the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA). Students will only use the **WarriorNet** network in school. Any attempt to bypass the network by using a cellular data network will be considered a policy violation and could result in loss of BYOD privileges. Students and parents should be aware that data is being recorded as to sites visited by each device. Therefore, there should be no expectation of privacy while using **WarriorNet**. School administration reserves the right to prohibit the use of the district network service. Additionally, as part of this initiative, teachers will incorporate digital citizenship as part of their instruction.

Security and Damages

Senatobia Municipal School District is not liable for any device that is stolen or damaged. Ultimately, the responsibility to keep the device secure rests with the individual owner. However, if a device is stolen or damaged, it will be handled through the administrative office similar to other personal artifacts that are impacted in similar situations. Devices will need to be labeled with personal markings to physically identify a child's device from others and password protected. Additionally, a protective case for the device is suggested.

Teachers' Role

Teachers are facilitators of instruction in their classrooms. Therefore, they will not spend time troubleshooting technical issues with students' personal devices in the classroom. They will educate and provide guidance on how to use a device, but they will not provide technical support. This responsibility will reside at home with parents/guardians. Teachers will regularly communicate information regarding educational applications and suggest appropriate tools that can be downloaded to personal devices at home. Parents may need to assist their children with downloads if they wish to follow teachers' suggestions. **No applications should be downloaded at school without explicit instruction from the teacher.**

Teachers will present the rules and procedures to the students. Teachers will monitor students to ensure appropriate usage of technology in the classrooms. All activities involving technology will be based upon and support the Mississippi adopted curriculum/standards.

Senatobia Municipal School District understands that not every student has his/her own electronic device. To ensure equal accessibility to technology resources, teachers will provide students with available technology within each school. All rules, policies, and procedures will still apply.

Use of Devices

Devices cannot be used unless directed by school personnel. Students must immediately comply with a teacher's request to shut down devices or close the screen. Students must put away DEVICES when directed by a teacher. Students should not use devices in bathrooms, locker rooms, or any non-instructional environment.

Students Will...

- bring their devices to school fully charged.
- only use headphones and earphones when directed by school personnel.
- not use any technology to harass, threaten, demean, humiliate, intimidate, embarrass or annoy fellow students or others in their community. This unacceptable student behavior, known as cyberbullying, will not be tolerated and will be subject to disciplinary action.

- store their personal devices in appropriate areas (book bags, lockers, etc.).

Parent/Student Contract

Students and parents must sign the Parent/Student Contract at the end of this document in order for a student to participate in the **WarriorNet Connection** Initiative. If a parent chooses not to allow a student to bring a personal device to school, it is the responsibility of the parent to make sure that the student does not bring the device.

Student Frequently Asked Questions:

I have my device with me in class. How do I get on the Internet?

Answer: Most laptops or other personal devices (smart phones) will detect a wireless connection when you are near one. Most of the time your device will ask if you would like to join the network. When prompted, choose **WarriorNet** from the list. Once you open a web browser, you will be prompted to enter your user name and password.

I brought my device to school, but my teacher said I couldn't use it in her classroom. Can I still use it?

Answer: No, the teacher is the final authority on procedures in the classroom. If he or she asks you not to use your device, then you should follow those directions.

I just can't get my device to connect to the network. What should I do?

Answer: Resources may be available to help you connect to the **WarriorNet** on your campus. It is not the responsibility of the teachers or other Senatobia Municipal School staff to troubleshoot individual devices during the school day. Check your owner's manual for issues concerning connectivity.

My device was stolen when I brought it to school. Who should I contact about this?

Answer: Bringing your own device to school can be useful, however some risks are involved as well. It is always a good idea to record the device's serial number in case of theft. The Senatobia Municipal School District is not responsible for the theft of a device nor is the district responsible for any damage done to the device while at school. Any time a theft occurs, you should contact a school administrator to make him/her aware of the offense.

Why am I filtered on my device?

Answer: Filtering is a requirement of all public schools. The Children's Internet Protection Act (CIPA) requires all network access to be filtered, regardless of the device.

Am I still held accountable for the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) I signed at the beginning of the school year even though this is my device?

Answer: Yes. The Acceptable Use Policy for the Senatobia Municipal School District remains in effect even when you are using your personal device. By connecting to WarriorNet, you are agreeing to the terms of the Senatobia Municipal School District's AUP.

Staff Frequently Asked Questions:

Some of my students cannot access the network on their device. Should I put in a tech support ticket?

Answer: No, students who cannot access **WarriorNet** need to consult the user's manual that came with the device.

I have students on my campus who are accessing the Internet using their device's data plan (AT&T, Sprint, Verizon etc.), hence bypassing the filter. Is this a violation?

Answer: Yes, this is a violation of the Parent/Student Contract.

I have my personal device. I would like to utilize my device at work. Does this new plan include campus staff?

Answer: Yes. Campus staff can also access the **WarriorNet** network. Keep in mind that **WarriorNet** is filtered for everyone accessing it. Campus printers will not be accessible with your own devices as well.

One of my students was using his device to bully another student on campus. Should I call the technology department regarding this problem?

Answer: No. Any disciplinary infractions that occur from using technology devices should be referred to an administrator.

****THIS FORM MUST BE SIGNED AND RETURNED IN ORDER FOR THE STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BYOD INITIATIVE AND ACCESS WARRIORNET.**

My parents and I have read and discussed the BYOD guidelines and I, [print student name] _____, agree that when using my personal device or the school's technology:

- I will only use the technology under school personnel direction.
- I know that misuse of the technology could lead to disciplinary action.
- I will not share any personal information over the Internet.
- I am responsible for my own device.
- School staff is not responsible for any device lost, stolen, or damaged.
- I will adhere to the policies and procedures stated in the Senatobia Municipal School District Handbook and any local school policies and procedures.
- I will bring my devices to school fully charged.
- I will only use headphones and earphones when directed by school personnel.
- I will not use any technology to harass, threaten, demean, humiliate, intimidate, embarrass or annoy fellow students or others in their community.
- I will store my personal devices in appropriate areas (book bags, lockers, etc.).

I, [print parent's name] _____, the parent/guardian of the above student, agree to accept all legal and financial obligations which may result from my son/daughter's use of Senatobia Municipal School District's technology and Internet. I understand that school and district personnel are not responsible for personal devices that are lost, stolen, or damaged. I will not hold the school system responsible for inappropriate materials acquired through the Internet. Further, I accept responsibility for the actions of my child.

By signing below, we understand that the use of personal devices to support educational experiences is not a necessity but a privilege. With respect of the rules, this privilege will benefit the learning environment as a whole. When rules are abused, privileges will be taken away.

Student's signature

Date

Parent's signature

Date

****Below is a list of suggested devices:**

- Apple iPad, iPad mini, iPod Touch, iPhone
- Google Chromebook
- Kindle Fire
- Android Devices
- Nook
- Wireless Capable Laptop